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Application No.: 10/726206

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Art Unit: 3751

For: SOLENOID VALVE FOR FUEL CELL

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed March 28, 2005 (Paper No. 032205).

The Examiner has required restriction between the following inventions in the above-identified application:

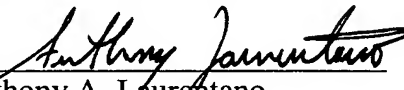
Species 1 – shown in Figures 2-7;
Species 2 – shown in Figure 8;
Species 3 – shown in Figure 9; and
Species 4 – shown in Figures 10-13.

Accordingly, Applicants hereby elect Species 1, shown in Figures 2-7, readable on claims 1-13, 17, 19, 20, 22, and 23 for continued examination.

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